**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
EXAMINATION
(RCE)
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Application Number

09/862,982

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37.CFR § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (April 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114a. ☒ Previously submittedi. ☒ Consider the Amendment After Final under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on October 12, 2004

(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____iii. ☐ Other _____b. ☐ Enclosedi. ☐ Amendment/Replyii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)iv. ☐ Other _____**2. ☐ Miscellaneous**a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)b. ☐ Other _____**3. Fees (The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.14) when the RCE is filed; Fee calculated as shown below.)**a. ☒ If any additional extension and/or fee is required, or if any additional fee for claims is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-0484.i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)ii. ☒ Two-Month extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.137 and 1.17)iii. ☐ Other _____b. ☒ Checks in the amounts of \$395.00 and \$215.00 are enclosed.c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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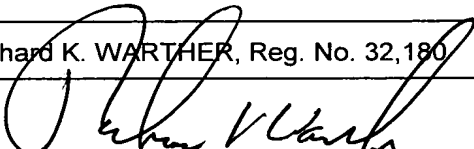
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				BASIC FEE	\$ 395.00
				Total of above calculations =	\$ 395.00
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